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IN THE CLAIMS

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Please add claims 20-29, such that pending claims 1-29 are as follows:

1.

A liquid handling system comprising:
a container capable of holding a liquid;
storage means, coupled with the container, for electronically storing information
relating to the liquid;
communication means for storing information to and reading information from the
storage means; and
controller means, coupled with the communication means, for controlling processing
of the liquid based on information read from the storage means by the
communication means.

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